

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

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EXPORT OF SEAFOOD
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India's seafood exports have gone up considerably inspite of anti-dumping duty imposed by certain countries;
- (b) if so, the amount earned through its exports during 2006-07 and the share of Karnataka in exports of seafood, country-wise; and
- (c) the action plan of Government to persuade those countries which are continuing with levy of anti-dumping duties on our exports to withdraw these duties ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) & (b) Yes Sir, overall seafood exports from India have been increasing. The export of seafood products amounted to US \$ 1393.06 million during 2006-07 (Upto December 2006) and the share of seafood exported from Karnataka ports was 1.81 per cent of this. The value of export of seafood products to some of the major countries during 2006-07 (Upto December 2006) was as follows:-

Value in Million US Dollars (Provisional).
Country Over all exports Of which, exports from Karnataka Ports % Share

Japan	235.69	5.77	2.45
USA	239.39	1.71	0.71
European Union	452.84	3.14	0.69
China	189.60	9.75	5.14
South East Asia	101.60	3.79	3.73
Middle East	55.02	0.48	0.87

(c) The matter has been taken up in the Indo-US Trade Policy Forum apart from the consultations initiated under the dispute settlement mechanism of WTO. The Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) and the Seafood Exporters Association of India (SEAI) have also been defending the interests of Indian shrimp industry.